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## WHAT THE SOVIET PEOPLE ARE BEING TOLD THROUGH THE SOVIET PRESS AND RADIO (NOVEMBER 2, 1962)

- 1. <u>Summary</u> The Soviet press and home radio appeared to be playing down the Cuban crisis as the week came to a close, possibly waiting for Mikoyan's visit to Cuba to produce a further lessening of tensions. The front page of <u>Izvestiva</u> for Friday, November 2, contained nothing on Cuba except [?] paragraphs on Mikoyan's departure for Havana, while the front page of <u>Pravda</u> featured the Mars probe and next week's anniversary of the October Resvolution. In a rather mild article on an inside page of the November 2 <u>Pravda</u>, [?] particular restraint of the White House at present, was favorably contrasted to the "belicose speeches from the U.S. reactionaries. Soviet jamming of VOA news programs continued to be rather widespread but with apparently little more sensitivity shown toward Cuban news than toward [?] on other subjects.
- 2. <u>Pravda Reports US "Torn Between Common Sense and Recklessness.</u> 1 non-featured article for <u>Pravda</u> of November 2, the editor's Washington correspondent, Sergey Vishnevskiy said that there was "now a struggle between common sense and recklessness over the Cuban crisis in which a [?] ght people here realize here that the victory of common sense would be in the vital interest of the American people." Vishnevskiy spoke of the [?] Jing among Americans for joint efforts toward constructive relations stemming from Khrushchev's message to President Kennedy and also referred to agreement among "influential Washington commentators" that mutually acceptable compromises would not only settle the tension in the Caribbean but also lead to other settlements. He spoke favorably of the restrained attitude of the White House at present in contrast to the "warlike speeches in the camp of extreme action."
- 3. <u>Jamming</u> On November 2 jamming of VOA news programs continued at a high rate. News items concerning other parts of the world were jammed as well as those concerning Cuba with apparently little discrimination. Some feature items were allowed through but they did not concern Cuba.